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14, Piccadilly.
Bradford.

2nd July, 1923.

Dear Miss Kitching,

On receipt of your telegram I telephoned to Mr. Forster and arranged for him to complete the accounts in Ambleside to-morrow, in readiness for a meeting on Wednesday morning. I shall get to the Salutation Inn about 3 p.m. to-morrow and meet Mr. Forster there. I telegraphed you to this effect, and asking you to be good enough to ask the Bank to send up the Pass Books. We shall probably come up to see you soon after 3.

Yours sincerely,

W. B. Gordon

We enclose herewith amount of our charges, which Mr. Gordon will discuss with you at tomorrow's meeting.

Miss Kitching,

House of Education,

AMBLESIDE.

Cambridge Station

5/7/23

Dear Miss Hitching

I enclose rough draft of suggested Report of the Trustees to the Council. I suggest that you should send a copy of this (altered as you all may think desirable) to Mrs. Braundlin & ask her to wire approval. If approved a copy signed by Mr. Lewis as Chairman should be sent to the Secy P. N. E. U. - The object of sending to Mrs. B. would be to make sure that I have rightly interpreted her in clause 5.

Please however act as you all think best! Would you mind sending me back my draft (or a copy) for my records.

Yours sincerely
W. V. Gordon

If you have any difficulty with the minutes, I shall be glad to help - as friend not as lawyer - I'll send you tomorrow a copy of the Executors' Report which I read to the Trustees.

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14, Piccadilly,
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6th July, 1923.

Dear Miss Kitching,

MISS MASON, DECEASED

As promised in the letter I wrote you from
Carnforth Station yesterday, I enclose copy of the notes, which
I read to the Trustees, of the Report of the Executors to them.

I agree that it might be desirable to show
the Council the ~~large~~ amount you have to pay out of the balance
in the Bank. On the other hand, if you estimate the dis-
bursements for the two terms at no more than £1200, this will
look as if the "business" had made a profit of £2,100 in the
two terms, "which is absurd." If you can't make the figure
bigger than that, I think it might be better to leave it vague.
I am writing to the Bank Manager to send the books to Mr.
Forster.

I enclose copy of letter I have received
from him this morning in regard to the payment of £192 : 12 : 11
received from the Publishers. I take it this means that the
Executors must hand over to the Trustees £42 : 15 : 11 as
their share of the Publishers' cheque. *I am asking*
Mr Forster to confirm this.

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I have a very nice letter from Mrs Franklin which confirms my feeling that she was in a very nervous state. She speaks of having been very tired and "had had bad family news on her way up." I am sure that, as we gradually get to closer quarters with the question, a solution will develop which will be satisfactory to all parties.

Yours sincerely,

Wm B. Gordon

Miss Kitching,

The House of Education,

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11, Piccadilly,
Bradford.

July 16th, 1923.

Dear Miss Kitching,

MISS MASON. DECEASED.

While I was in London last week my firm here received a pressing letter from Kegan Paul & Co. asking for instructions about the re-print of the Geographical Readers. My Firm telegraphed me in London for instructions and I thereupon telegraphed you, as I understood that the Trustees wanted you to take the matter in hand and instruct the Publishers.

I return Mrs. Franklin's letter and your draft of the amended Minute, having made some pencil notes in the latter.

When I was in London last week I saw the Counsel who ^{is} ~~was~~ preparing the papers for the necessary application to Court. I think the result of the conference was, that there is good reason to believe that we shall be able to get an order from the Court which will enable the Executors to retain Fairfield unsold for some substantial period, at any rate so

as to give the Trustees time to turn round and decide what
to do. Would you tell Mr. Lewis this as I have a letter
from him about it?

Yours sincerely,

W. B. Gordon

Miss Kitching,
The House of Education,
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11, Piccadilly,
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7th September, 1923.

Dear Miss Kitching,

I received yours of 5th and now return the draft Constitution and Regulations. I have made one or two pencil notes which I think should have attention.

The draft seems to me to be prepared by skilled hands with large knowledge of the working of Educational Institutions. I don't think that I can suggest any substantial alterations or additions excepting those in regard to which I have made pencil notes. The most important point seems to be the jurisdiction of the principal in appointing staff. Clause 4 (1) subjects her to the direction of the Council in making such appointments. This is contrary to the provisions of the Will and is not in accordance with the usual practice in endowed schools. I think that in all such schools (as far as I have any experience of them) the Principal or Headmaster or ^{Head} Mistress is allowed a free hand in appointing and dismissing the staff, subject only to the right of members of the staff to appeal to the Governors in case of dismissal.

I don't see how you can resist the provisions

^{h which,}
 in all other matters, ~~the~~ Submission must be made to the
 directions of the Council. In spirit however, the draft
 appears to contemplate that the management and control will
 be free from interference. Of course, if the Council cannot
 intervene and ^{give} directions where they ~~thought~~ ^{think} it necessary,
 they might as well not exist. In practise however, it looks
 as if the usual method of the endowed school was intended,—
 namely, that the directions of the Council would only be given
 when asked for ^{by the Principal}. On the whole I think you have reason to be
 satisfied with the draft, but if there are any questions on
 which I can help I shall be glad to give it further
 consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Wm W. Gordon

Miss Kitching,

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11, Piccadilly,
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2nd October, 1923.

Dear Miss Kitching,

Thanks for yours of 21st
and enclosures. The Summary and marked passages
should be exactly what Counsel wants, and I am
sending him also the pamphlets so that he may
look through them.

Yours sincerely,

W. B. Gordon

Miss Kitching,
The House of Education,
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27, Piccadilly
Bradford.

5th October, 1923.

Dear Miss Kitching,

At the Meeting at which I was present the Trustees decided to recommend the Council to pay the £600 Fairfield Mortgage out of the moneys in their hands. If the Council have confirmed this recommendation, then, there is no reason why the amount should not be paid off on the date arranged by you. If you can send me a cheque for the amount I will communicate with the Solicitors and get the necessary discharge. I suppose Mr. Lewis will be back so that you can get his signature to a cheque.

In regard to Income Tax. I have not hitherto gone into the matter at all. It is clear, however, that the property and income of the Trustees in connection with the three schools should be in whole or in part free of ^{income} tax. I think the best way will be to ask Messrs. Peat to communicate with the Surveyor of Taxes, lay before him a copy of the Will and come to a definite understanding on the matter.

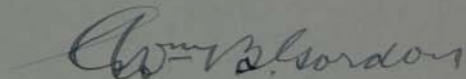
I hope you had a satisfactory Council

Meeting. I hope also that you and Miss Parrish have had a pleasant and beneficial holiday.

I have arranged the valuation of the two lots of property for Estate Duty purposes. We had hitherto valued Scale How at £3500 and Fairfield £1100. The Authorities wanted these to be valued at £4800 and £1300 respectively, but Mr. Aitchison has ultimately agreed the valuation of Scale How at £4000 and Fairfield at £1200. There will be additional Estate Duty to pay and I am preparing the Accounts for this purpose.

The application to the Court has of course been delayed by the long vacation, which is not yet over. I hope, however, to be able to proceed with it very shortly.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Kitching,

House of Education,

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14, Piccadilly
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15th October, 1923.

Dear Miss Kitching,

I have at last got the papers from Counsel, and enclose for the information of the Trustees a copy of the Summons which is being issued to obtain leave of the Court to hold Seale How and Fairfield unsold. In discussing the matter with Counsel he expressed a strong view that the application to the Court would be ^{the most} ~~an~~ expeditious, and in the end the least expensive, ~~process~~. His experience of the Charity Commissioners and the Board of Education ~~is~~ similar to mine, and any application to either of them would probably mean a delay of a year or two.

2 I think it would be as well that the Trustees should see the statement which I laid before Counsel and his opinion upon it. I accordingly enclose copies. In conference with Counsel I indicated to him the difference of opinion which had already arisen among the Trustees in regard to handing over to the Union. I also told him of the various points which Mrs Franklin had raised in

correspondence with me as to the mode of carrying out the Will. I told him that all parties were anxious to get some mode of settlement which would settle all such differences at rest, and asked him to consider whether there were any doubtful questions of construction of the Will which it might be desirable similarly to settle.

Yours sincerely,

W. W. Gordon

Miss Kitching,
The House of Education,
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11, Piccadilly,
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19th October, 1923.

Dear Miss Kitching,

MISS MASON, DECEASED.

I have this morning received yours of 10th. I certainly don't think you need send the papers to Mrs Franklin while she is in America, and probably it would be sufficient if Miss Williams saw them at the next Meeting of the Trustees.

I suppose the two legacies to which you refer are those to Hilda Dixon and Mary Sloane, of £3 each. We had a little doubt as to whether these should be paid in view of the very short period of service, but at the Trustees Meeting on 5th July we came to the conclusion that we would have to pay them. Apparently this has slipped my memory, and I suppose neither the counterfoil cheque book, nor the books shew that they have been paid. I certainly have no receipts for them. It would be as well to pay them now. I therefore enclose forms of receipt in case you wish to obtain the cheques from Mr Lewis, and send them yourself. Of course, if you prefer that I should send them, I can do so.

You will notice in Mr. Spens' opinion,

that he speaks of the necessity of explaining to the Court "Miss Mason's work in the past, and the manner in which and "lines on which the Trustees or the Council have instituted "principles to carry the work on". I have been looking through the pamphlets which I have got, to see whether I can prepare a statement of Miss Mason's work and methods from them. They relate, mostly, however, to the principles of the P.N.E.U. and to the theory and practice of the Parents' Union School. They are rather too discursive for the purpose, and I am inclined to think that such a statement as is required would be best prepared by someone closely engaged in the work. I wonder if Miss Parish and you could prepare and let me have a concisely summarised statement of the principles and methods adopted by Miss Mason in the House of Education, the Practising School and the Parents' Union School respectively. What we want is, to shew what are the distinctive principles on which Miss Mason worked, and the distinctive methods which she adopted to carry out those principles, and so to give a birds' eye view of the special aims and methods to which Miss Mason devoted herself.

As regards the remainder of what Mr. Spens asks for,—that is to say, "manner/ and lines" on which the work is to be carried on,—I think this will be sufficiently shown by a statement that the Council has commenced operations in accordance with the directions in the Will, and has settled

a scheme of which we can furnish a copy to Mr. Spens. As regards the scheme, I have not yet heard whether the draft which you shewed to me has been approved by the Council. If it has I should like to have a copy of it, if you are in a position to let me have one. With the statement that I am suggesting that Miss Parrish and you should prepare, I should propose to hand to Mr. Spens the two pamphlets, "^a~~the~~ Liberal Education, Theory" and "^a~~the~~ Liberal Education, Practice", as shewing in more detail the working of the Parents' Union School. Are there any similar pamphlets explanatory of the House of Education and the Practising School?

Yours faithfully,

Wm V B Gordon

Miss Kitching,

The House of Education,

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14, Piccadilly,
Bradford.

October 22nd, 1923.

Dear Miss Kitching,

Thanks for yours of 20th. I have sent the cheque for Hilda Dixon to Messrs. Peat & Co. asking them to identify her and if they are satisfied to pay over the cheque and get the receipt.

As regards Mary Sloane, — Do you know where she went to when she left Seale How, or what her home address was? If not, was she introduced by any Registry? If you can give me any information of this kind I shall probably be able to trace her.

It appears that No. 2 Account has not yet been transferred from Miss Mason's Account to the Executor's Account. The balance including interest to date, as on 19th instant was £696 : 17 : 0. Would you mention this to Mr Lewis and suggest to him that the transfer should be made? I think it would then be as well to have the Executors' Pass Book made up; and, when you and Mr. Lewis have looked at it, perhaps you would be good enough to send it to me.

Yours faithfully,

W B Gordon

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11, Piccadilly,
Bradford.

5th November, 1923.

W.B. Gordon

Dear Miss Kitching,

The Inland Revenue Authorities want the receipt for the second instalment of income tax. I understand that you have this. Would you kindly let me have it? At the same time we require the Statement received from Kegan Paul & Co. ^{of the payment of £192.12.11.} I think you have also this. We shall be glad to have both documents at your earliest convenience. I shall let you have them back later.

Yours faithfully,

W.B. Gordon

Miss Kitching,

The House of Education,

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14, Piccadilly,
Bradford.

12th November, 1923.

Dear Miss Kitching,

You have not yet sent me the Statement of the Publishers, in respect of the payment of £192 : 12 : 11 which they made in July last. Would you kindly let me have this.

2 / I enclose the two Executors Pass Books. They are only made up, in one case to July, and in the other to September last. Might I trouble you to hand them in to the Bank and ask them to make them up to date, and send them to Messrs. Peat? In order to make sure that all the cheques which have been sent out have come in to the Bank, it might be as well if Mr. Lewis were to take the Counterfoil cheque book to the Bank and ask him to see whether there are any cheques not entered. If there are any, Messrs Peat should have a list of these with a view to their writing up the ^{accounts} Pass-Book. It is quite likely that the cheque to Sloan for her legacy of £3 may not have got into the Banking Account. I have only this morning received her receipt for the money.

Yours faithfully,

W.B. Gordon

Miss Kitching,
House of Education,
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14, Piccadilly
Bradford.

14th November, 1923.

Dear Miss Kitching,

Thanks for yours of yesterday. The letter of which you enclose copy will suffice for present purposes. I return the copy herewith and am sorry you have had so much trouble.

Have you paid off the Fairfield Mortgage?

You will remember I wrote you on the subject on 5th October last. If it is not paid off, what is the date on which you arranged payment should be made? If the amount is to be paid off I should rather like to have this done before the application for leave to retain the property unsold, comes before the Court.

Before those proceedings come before the Court we have to file Affidavits which will satisfy the Attorney General (or his Deputy) and the Court that the "charity" is one which ought to be continued, and that the two properties Scale How and Fairfield are necessary for its continuance. I asked Counsel to settle an Affidavit by Miss Parish with this view and have now got a draft from him. He, however, only gives

*This has been
paid off
today*

me a skeleton of what he wants said in regard to the merits. He has rather naturally shirked the reading of all the pamphlets and papers so as to extract the essential points for a legal document. It is not very easy to assimilate philosophy and law!! I have now drafted ~~the~~ Clause which I think will satisfy his requirements. I enclose a copy of the draft for Miss Parish's consideration. You will see that in the last paragraph Miss Parish is asked to say that she is authorised to make the Affidavit on behalf of her co-trustees. I take it that you can get the Trustees in Ambleside to approve the draft (subject to any alterations Miss Parish or they may think it desirable to make). It will be desirable also to get Mrs Franklin's approval. If she has come back from America I can send her a duplicate of the draft with this vi-ew. If not, the consent of the Ambleside Trustees ought to be sufficient. I take it that you will not want to bother Miss Williams.

I shall be glad if you ^{can} ~~could~~ let me have the draft back with the views of Miss Parish and the other Trustees upon it at your earliest convenience.

Counsel also says "If any other of the "Plaintiffs besides Miss Parish, or anyone else whose views would "carry weight with the Court, cares to make an Affidavit "advocating the desirability of continuing this work as it

Miss Parish
will do this
before
Commissioner
Calthorpe
Monday

"existed at Miss Mason's death and the impossibility or
"difficulty of carrying it out without Scale How or Fairfield,
"it might help". Who do you think would be the best person
to make such an Affidavit? Should it be Mr. Lewis, Mr.
Household or Mr. Costley-White or some other member of the
Council, having a wide educational reputation?

You will notice that in Clause 14 I have
tried to get in the fact that the Colleges etc. are supported
by high Educational Authorities, by giving some well-known
names as members of the Council. Would you fill into the
blank, left for the purpose, such names as you think should
be specially mentioned.

Yours faithfully,

Wm. B. Gordon

Miss Kitching,

The House of Education,

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14, Piccadilly
Bradford.

22nd November, 1923.

Dear Miss Kitching,

I shall want a few copies ^(say 6) of

the Synopsis, the programme of the Parents' Union
School, and the Prospectus of the College and
Prospectus of the Practising School, all of which are
referred to in Miss Parish's Notes, annexed to the
Affidavit. Might I trouble you to let me have

these by return?

*Thanks for letter & enclosure. Do not
trouble about the area. I put it at 10 acres - 6 that will
do for present purposes*

Yours faithfully,

W.B. Gordon

Miss Kitching,

The House of Education,

AMBLESIDE.

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11, Piccadilly,
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1st December 1923

Dear Miss Kitching,

I should be obliged if you would furnish me with 3 further sets of the pamphlets which formed Exhibit E.A.P.2 to Miss Parish's Affidavit. These, you will recollect consist of :-

- ✓ 1. A Liberal Education in Secondary Schools published 1918.
- ✓ 2. The Basis of National Strength represented from "The Times"
- ✓ 3. Teaching Methods of Miss Mason by H.W. Household, published 1922.
- ✓ 4. English Literature and the Teaching Methods of Miss Mason in the Elementary Schools of Gloucestershire by H.W. Household, published 1922.
- ✓ 5. The Work and Aims of the Parents Union School by S.M.O'Ferrall, published 1922.
- ✓ 6. A Liberal Education - Theory by Miss Mason.
- ✓ 7. A Liberal Education No.2. Practise, by Agnes C. Drury and others.

I should also like two or three more prints of Exhibit E.A.P.3, i.e. the Memorandum & Articles of Association of "The Parents National Educational Union". Could you supply these?

Yours faithfully,

Wm Gordon
Wm Hunter
Wm Duncan

Miss. Kitching,
Ambleside.

*To follow
as soon
as Wadsworth
sends them
Dec. 5. 23.*

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11, Piccadilly,
Bradford.

December 31st, 1923.

Dear Miss Kitching,

I have your letter of 28th. The papers in connection with the Application for leave to retain the two properties unsold are before the Attorney-General. He has raised certain questions which I am endeavouring to deal with, but the Christmas vacation prevents me from knowing exactly how we stand in regard to them at present. I don't anticipate any difficulty in satisfying the Attorney-General, and when he is satisfied the application should go through the Court without any difficulty. I thought that I had agreed with Mr. Foster that the Trustees would be entitled to a return of all Income Tax from the date of Miss Mason's death. I don't see any reason why the application should not be made for such return as soon as practicable. Probably, however, it would be better to defer such an application until after 5th April, that being the end of the financial year. By that time the decision of the Court on the application to hold the properties should have been given and matters should be in such state that the Surveyor will have no difficulty in passing the papers through.

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My best wishes to you and Miss Parrish for
the coming year.

You may be interested to know that after today
I cease to be a member of this firm, as I am retiring from
practice. I shall be pretty often at the Office for
some time to come in connection with various Trusteeships,
including this Executorship, and shall see this business
through.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. B. Gordon

Miss Kitching,
18 Hastings Road,
West Ealing,
London W. 13.

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14, Piccadilly,
Bradford.

21st January, 1924

Dear Miss Kitching

I have been laid up with
bronchitis & asthma, or should have
answered yours of sooner. Under clause
9 of the Bill the Head Mistress of the
Practising School should be appointed by
and act under the directions of the Council.
If however the Council think it is in the
interest of the efficiency of the schools that
they should do so there is nothing to prevent
them from directing the Head Mistress
of the Practising School to take her
instructions from the Principal of the
House of Education. As regards
appointment & dismissal the H.M.
might claim that she can only submit
to the jurisdiction of the Council, but as
regards policy & working she would have
to take her directions from the Principal
if the Council tell her to do so. I think
this is a correct interpretation of the
effect of the clause. I hope no
real difficulty will arise.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Wm B Gordon

House of Education
Amble-side

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13th March, 1924.

Messrs. Gordon Hunter & Duncanson
14 Piccadilly,
Bradford.

Dear Sirs,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant and to say that a warrant for the June 1923 dividend on the holding of 5½ War Stock 1929/47 in question was forwarded on completion of the registration of the death of the late Miss G. M. S. Mason to the Hon. Henrietta Franklin and was presented for payment on the 7th July 1923 through the Bank of Liverpool & Martins Ltd., Ambleside.

The holding was transferred on the 3rd July last into the names of the Executors and a warrant for the December dividend was also forwarded to the Hon. Mrs Franklin. This warrant has not been presented for payment or returned by the Post Office and if further enquiry does not lead to its recovery I shall be obliged if you will communicate with the Bank again.

If future dividends on the holding are to be paid direct to a Bank instructions to that effect should be given under the joint signatures of the Stockholders on the enclosed form.

I am, Dear Sirs,
Yours faithfully,
D. Elliott Lockhart.
for Chief Accountant.

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N. W. QUEEN
J. H. SUTCLIFFE

*11, Piccadilly,
Bradford.*

14th March 1924

Dear Madam,

Miss C. M. S. Mason, deceased

With reference to the Executors' holding of £105.5.3 5% War Stock, we have been in communication with the Bank of England as to whom the dividends have been forwarded, and we have received a letter to-day of which we enclose copy. We have asked Mrs. Franklin to arrange for the two instalments of dividend to be credited to the Trustees' Account, and have also sent her a Dividend Request Form for signature in order that future dividends may be forwarded direct to the Bank. When this Form is returned we will forward same to you for signature by Mr. Lewis. We might point out that the above holding is retained in the Executors' names pending the full administration of the Estate. As soon as all expenses for which the Executors are likely to become liable are discharge, then the War Stock will be transferred into the names of the Trustees.

Yours faithfully,

Miss E. Kitching,
House of Education,
Ambleside.

Wm Hunter Duncan

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TELEGRAMS: "L.E. BRADFORD"

TELEPHONE NO. 1634-1033

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17, Piccadilly,
Bradford.

20th March 1924

Dear Madam,

Miss C. M. S. Mason, deceased

With reference to the holding of £105.5.3
5% War Stock, we have now obtained the signatures of
Mrs. Frankin and Mr. Gordon to the Form of Request
that the dividends in future be paid to the Bank direct.
Perhaps you would obtain Mr. Lewis's signature thereto
and lodge same with the Trustees' Bankers, requesting
the Manager to collect the dividends and credit same
to the Trustees' Account.

Yours faithfully,

Wm Hunter Duncan

Miss E. Kitching,

The House of Education,

Ambleside,

Westmoreland.

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TELEGRAMS: "LEX, BRADFORD"

TELEPHONE NOS: 1874-1875

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J.M. SUTCLIFFE

14, Piccadilly,
Bradford.

24th March 1924

Dear Madam,

Miss C.M.S. Mason, deceased

£105.5.3 5% War Stock 1929/47

Mrs. Franklin has been unable to trace the Warrant for the instalment of dividend due on 1st December last. We are, therefore making application for a duplicate warrant and enclose the necessary form herewith. Perhaps you will obtain Mr. Lewis's signature thereto and lodge same with the Bank in order that they may forward same to the Bank of England and collect ~~the~~ arrears.

Yours faithfully,

Gordon Hunter & Duncan

Miss E. Kitching,

House of Education,

Ambleside,

Westmoreland.

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25, Piccadilly,
Bradford.

29th March 1924

Dear Madam,

Miss C.M.S. Mason, deceased

Herewith we enclose Certificate in respect of
£100 Registered 25% National War Bonds 1928, which was
bequeathed to Mr. Thomas Henry Barrow. We shall be
obliged if you will hand the Certificate to him and obtain
his signature to the enclosed form of receipt.

Seal

Yours faithfully,

Frank Hunter Duncan

Miss E. Kitching,

House of Education,

Ambleside,

Westmoreland.

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THE OLD HALL
GRASSINGTON

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NO. 5 KIPTON

Dear Miss Kitching 26th April 1924

You will be wondering what is going on in regard to the steps we took to legalise the holding by Miss Mason's Trustees of the real property devoted to the "charitable" purpose of carrying on her work. I should have written before but have been in constant expectation of hearing from the Counsel who has the matter in hand. Unfortunately he is a very busy man - as most Counsel are whose opinion is worth having - and there has been much delay in consequence. M^{rs} M^{rs} Queen saw him however when in London 10 days ago & he promised early attention.

As regards Scale How, which is directly given by the will to the Trustees, there would be no difficulty & if it stood alone, we should have had the necessary order from the Court months ago. Fairfield however was bought after the will was made, & unfortunately Miss Mason did not tell me of the purchase. It therefore passes to the Executors

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under the general gift of residuary real estate subject to a trust for sale & primarily the Trustees are only entitled to the proceeds of sale. We therefore in the application for leave to keep Scale How as real estate, included an application for leave to hand over Fairfield also to the Trustees, unsold, as real estate. The Attorney General has raised the question that the consent of the Charity Commissioners must be obtained to this latter application. What we are waiting for is the opinion of Mr Spens (our Counsel) whether the Attorney General's requirement is well founded in law, and - if it is - how we are to proceed. We want to avoid the Charity Commissioners if we can, & should have done so had a codicil been made dealing with Fairfield on the same footing as Scale How. I hope we shall have Counsel's opinion next week, & I or Mr McQueen will then write you further.

I hope matters are going on smoothly & satisfactorily as far as Council & Trustees are concerned.

With kindest regards to Miss Parish

I am yours sincerely

W-B Gordon

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TELEGRAMS: "LEX, BRADFORD"

TELEPHONE: N° 1674 - 1675.

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J.H. SUTCLIFFE

M.

27, Piccadilly,

Bradford.

12th May, 1924.

Please Return

Dear Madam,

Miss Mason's Estate.

We have now obtained the long delayed Opinion from Mr. Spens the Counsel who is acting in this matter, and we enclose you a copy of same, and also a copy of the Summons showing the amendments which he advises should be made. We have indicated in red ink those clauses in the Summons which are the amendments advised. It is rather annoying that the Attorney General should have raised any doubts as to the validity of the bequests; but, as he has done so, it seems to be necessary to obtain the directions of the Court thereon so that the Trustees may be fully protected.

Can you tell us who is the heir-at-law to Miss Mason, and who are her next of kin? - or rather, if you can tell us what relations she has, we can probably indicate who is her heir-at-law and who are her next of kin, as they are not necessarily the same people.

If you have no knowledge of any relations of Miss Mason it may be necessary for us to advertise; and if there are no replies the next of kin will then be represented by the Attorney General on behalf of the Crown, and he is already a party to the suit.

Yours faithfully,

Wm Hunter Duncan

Miss Kitching,
Scale How,
Ambleside,
Westmorland.

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THE OLD HALL,
GRASSINGTON,
NE SKIPTON.

THE OLD HALL,
GRASSINGTON,
NE SKIPTON.

13th May 1924

Dear Miss Kitching

M^r M^r Queen is sending you a copy of Counsel's opinion, on which I had a long talk with him yesterday. It seems that the Attorney-General considers that there is some doubt as to the legality of some of the "charitable" dispositions of the will. The will was drawn by a Counsel selected because of his special knowledge & experience in such questions, & it would be surprising to find that he had gone astray. The legal doubt having been once suggested however, it must be thrashed out. Unfortunately this involves bringing in Miss Mason's heir-at-law and next of kin, & I am afraid - from what I think you told me - this will not be an easy matter. If these preliminaries can be got over, I believe we shall soon get things into order & that the work will not be interfered with. If you will send M^r M^r Queen the information he needs I shall keep in close touch with him.

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I do all that is possible to get
matters pushed forward. At a
later stage it may be desirable to have
a meeting of the Executors & Trustees.
I shall be available at any time
for such a purpose.

Yours sincerely
Wm. S. Gordon

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TELEPHONE NO. 1674-1675

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N. McQUEEN

J.H. SUTCLIFFE

M.

14, Piccadilly,
Bradford.

21st May, 1924.

Dear Miss Kitching,

Miss Mason's Estate.

This matter came before the Master in Chambers on Monday, when the position was discussed as to ascertaining Miss Mason's next-of-kin, and it was eventually decided that Mr. Gordon, as a disinterested Executor, should be named to act on behalf of the absent and unascertained persons, and the proceedings are being amended accordingly. The Counsel for the Attorney General expressed a desire that some further evidence should be filed, giving fuller details of the position under the Will, and, in particular, with regard to the following matters:-

1. The position with regard to Messrs. Kegan, Paul & Co's publications, and the prospects of obtaining revenue from this source;
2. As to whether the seventh and eighth volumes of The Saviour of the World were ever completed, and in general terms what the desires of the Trustees are with regard to the continuance of the publication of these and the earlier volumes;
3. The general situation with regard to the outstanding mortgage, and as to the financial position generally.

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J.W.M.

Receipts
checked
Mason's
Will

I have discussed the position with Mr. Gordon, and we are of opinion that it is desirable that he and I should both pay a visit to you at Scale How, and, if possible, get the accountant over from Messrs. W.B. Peat & Co. to meet us, and discuss and get the necessary information as to the whole position.

We both feel that this will assist us to put the position clearly before the Court in the light most favourable to obtaining all that we desire to obtain from it, and dispose of all doubts and hesitations which may exist in the mind of His Majesty's Attorney General.

Would it be convenient for you to see us on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week? Meantime I have written to Messrs. W.B. Peat & Co. of Barrow to ask them if Tuesday or Wednesday would be convenient to meet us at Scale How if we arrange to come.

Mr. Gordon is also writing to you from Grassington.

Yours sincerely,

A. Mc Queen.

Miss Kitching,
Scale How,
Ambleside,
Westmorland.

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BRASSINGTON

THE OLD HALL,
BRASSINGTON,
NE SKIPTON.

21st May 1924

Dear Miss Kitching

M^r M^r Queen is writing to you to-day as to the further developments in the legal position, & suggesting that he & I should come over & have a conference with the Trustees at Ambleside. I think Miss Parish you & M^r Lewis could sufficiently represent the Trustees, though you may think it desirable to let M^r Franklin know something of what is going on and give her the opportunity of being present. If you like, I can write to her if you can give me her present address, but probably you would also wish to send her an intimation of the meeting. No time should be unavoidably lost. If you care to send me a telegram I'll write to-morrow. M^r M^r Queen will be asking you to fix a day for the meeting. As far as I am concerned any day next week (except Monday) would suit me.

Would you kindly say to

Miss Parish that I have received
her letter about Mr Booth. I am making
enquiry about him & shall speak
to Miss Parish when I see her.

My wife & I appreciate what
Miss Parish says (& what you have been
good enough to say before) about our
coming to see you & hope an opportunity
will arise to enable us to accept so
kind an invitation

Yours sincerely
W. B. Gordon